# PARASOL ANTS.

They Carry Leaves to Protect Them From the Sun.

The government of Trinidad has passed an ordinance for the extermination of "parasol ants," so far as its power extends. The pest has become unbearable; in fact, from the nature of things, wherever this ant is found a lagent growing civilization must wage war to the death with it

The creatures strip trees of their leaves, which they neatly trim to the size and shape of a three-penny bit, and carry to the nest. An army of these ants at work is one of the strangest sights in tropical America. The column may be followed for a mile, three or four inches in width, a serried mass of ants, each carrying

aloft upright as a flag its green disk. They will strip a large tree of which they fancy the leaves in twenty-four hours. But nature has limited their ravages in the way which Darwin and Wallace teach us to respect. Many species of trees are quite protected against them by peculiarities which we cannot detect. Many others are so far protected that the ants will not attack them if they have a choice.

But the enterprising foreigner brings his useful fruis and plants from every quarter of the world and establishes them in the domain of the Accodoma. Then there is joy un-mixed. With unprotected food in abundance the ants multiply as they never could before.

So the Trinidad authorities have made a law that the warden of any district may authorize a land-owner who "suffers or is likely to suffer" from their ravages to enter any neighbor's ground and destroy the nests-if he can, be it understood.

### COULD NOT ECONOMIZE. A Young Man's Attempt to Save Nipped in the Bud.

"It is queer how many efforts to economize and save money against rainy-days and old age are continually being thwarted," said a young private secretary as he lit a long, black, and costly eigar.

"I confess that in some instances," he went on, "the fault has been my own. But in the case I have now in mind I was entirely blameless. Yet I was thwarted again. A friend told me of a store near our office down town where I could buy shoes at low prices, and after I had bought them could be sure of their always looking well without having to increase the hoards of affluent bootblacks The store would give me a ticket entitling me to fifty free shines.

"I got the shoes and the ticket and congratulated myself that at least I was sure of a material reduction in my daily expenditures. I determined to begin to save by putting away what I would have spent on shines but for

'Ho, hum! Man proposes and then the thwarting begins. My inconsiderate employer made a hurried move into offices away up town, and before I had had the benefit of a fiftieth part of al' I was entitled to by the ticket the knowledge was forced upon me and lay the foundation for ease and comfort in my old age by putting away five cents I would have to expend ten cents for car fare to the store and back. I am quite discouraged

### DEPENDS UPON THE COST. That Is the Way Society Judges the Society Events.

It is merely a way they have in society. The success of an entertainment, we are told, depends on the people who attend and on the smoothness with which it passes off, butwell, here is the way the matter was discussed recently by a couple of young ladies who are "in society."

'Oh, Mrs. Mcl'herson's lawn party was much the swellest of the season. "Do you really think so?"

'Yes, indeed. All the swell people who were spending the summer in the vicinity were there. It was really quite a distinguished company for a watering place.

'Ye-es, there were a great many of the best people there."

"And then the grounds were so prettily illu:ninated, and there wasn't a hitch the whole evening. Can you think of any other entertainment that was as swell?"

"Well, there was Mrs. Ormington's lawn party that was given the follow-

"Oh, I don't think it compared with Mrs. McPherson's.

"Don't you? Well, that's because you don't know so much about it as I do. It cost \$300 more:"

And that ended the argument.

The Pith of the Matter. At the reception in Unity church. Chicago, to the visiting delegates to the parliament of religious, Rev. Robert Collyer told a story which runs as follows: A farmer met a parson and said to him: "I remember-a sermon you preached twenty years ago." "Indeed," replied the parson, "and what was the text?" "I don't remember the text, but the sermon remains in my mind." "And pray what, then, was the substance of the sermon?" "Well, I can scarcely word it properly, but it amounted to this-that 'Theology is not religion by a --- sight."

girls walking four abreast-he has to curb his gait.

# BROKE HIS HEART.

The Mule Couldn't Bray Against the Boat's Whistie.

"No," said the man with a straw in his whiskers, "no, you don't catch me shippin' no more stock on your steam-

"And why not?" asked the freight

"I done it once," was the reply; "had a fine mule; worth \$200; wanted to send him from Cincinnati to Louisville: put him on a steamboat that had one of them forty hoss power bass fiddle whistles on to it, with a snort and a screech at the end; mule went on the boat all right, but he was lonesome: got to brayin'; had a bray on to him that he was proud of; brayed until the passengers organized a committee to wait on the captain: captain couldn't do a durned thing; had a contract to deliver the mule at Louisville unless the boat busted a biler; the biler wouldn't bust and the mule kept on brayin'! About midnight the boat was goin' to make a landin': pilot pulled the string and the whistle began to blow; mule stopped brayin' soon's the whistle started and cocked up his ear to listen; listened a minute, tried to bray; didn't know whether he was brayin' or not, for that durn whistle: tried again; whistle kept on, then it gave a snort and a screech, and bust my buttons if that mule didn't give one look of disappointment and grief

# HE TRUSTS IN HIS DOG.

and drop dead right on the deck. No,

siree, no more steamboats fur me

shippin' stock on," and he went out to

Intimate Relations Between the Cr. of Russia and a Danish Houad.

find a railroad freight agent.

The sovereign in Europe who stands most in need of a friend and companion whose fidelity and loyalty are above all suspicion is the unfortunate ezar, who, like his predecessors at the throne of Peter the Great, has so often found himself deceived and betrayed by just those of his courtiers, his officials and even his relatives upon whom he had bestowed the greatest amount of kindness.

Under these circumstances it is not astonishing that he should place his principal reliance on a superb and huge Danish dog, with short mousecolored hair and quite as big as a

young donkey. The dog, a gift of his father-in-law, King Christian of Denmark, is the successor of a similar hound, which lost its life in the terrible railroad accident at Borki, when the imperial train was entirely destroyed, the czar and ezarina escaping all injury save the shock to their nerves in the most miraculous manner. Alexander's present dog is not only by his side when he walks out, asteep beside his bed at night, but is also present when he grants audiences, sniffing at strangers in an inquiring and sometimes suspicious manner, which is not without exercising a certain influence upon the treatment accord by the ezar to his

# MISTAKEN KINDNESS.

that in order to get a shine for nothing How a Sweet-Faced Little Girl Duped a SYMPTOMS OF CATARRH NOT TO BE MIS-Willing Young Man. "Please, sir, will you give me five

cents?"

"Give you five cents?" echoed the young man in surprise, for his supplicant was a pretty, refined-looking little girl of about ten summers, whose clothing looked as though she were a child of fortune, not of want.

"Yes sir; I want it to pay my car fare with. I lost the nickle mamma gave me." Of course the young man gladly gave the desired five cents, and she fairl: beamed upon him. The incident happened at Broad and Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Not long after the young man was waiting for a car on Walnut street, and it so happened that he was thinking of the pretty face of the child.

"Well," mused he to himself, "I'm glad I happened to be there in time. Some parents are awfully careless of their children, though Think of the little thing having to ask for money! It's a shame."

Then came a slight pull at his coatsleeve. Then a sweet, weak voice that seemed familiar, said: "P.ease, sir, will you give me five cents?"

The young man turned as if stung. He could hardly believe his own eyes. "You see, sir," began the sweet voice

again. "Yes. I know al! about it. You lost the money your mother gave you for car fare.

It never feazed the little one. She smiled divinely, and answered: "Yes, how did you guess it?" But the young man had caught a passing car, and the look on his face set several of the passengers wondering.

# Football Accidents.

A return of the football accidents for the last season in Great Britain has been made. The deaths number twenty-six, (four more than in the previous season), the broken legs thirty-six (a decrease of thirteen). the broken arms twelve (the same as in 1891-92), the collar bones broken twenty-five (an increase of seven), and the other injuries seventy-five (an increase of ninéteen). The chronicler masses the grand total for the past three seasons of "deaths and damages" to be

-Hannibal's editor objects to the Lane's Medicine Moves the Bowe's Each Day. healthy this is no:comary

for other aggregations of abstract numbers beside the dozen and the score. Two things make a brace, a

Names for Aggregate Numbers

There are comparatively few names

couple, a duo or duet; turee things make a trio, trinity, eight, according to St. Paul, are a few; thirteen make a baker's dozen. But take concrete numbers, we find plenty of such names. Fourteen pounds make a stone, twentyeight pounds a quarter; a clove of wood is seven pounds; a tod is twentyeight pounds; a wey is six and a half tods; a sack is two weys and a last is six sacks.

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-Poor Dobyns is ill and Mexico

-Mexico should buck the Ohioan in the eye, and hold on to her favorite

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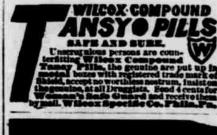
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